

Titus amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that adds a new section 314 requiring the Secretary of Education to establish an Advisory Council to the Secretary on green, high-performing schools. The Council will advise the Secretary on the impact of green, high-performing schools on teaching and learning, health energy costs and environmental impact; work with the Secretary to recommend Federal policies to increase the number of green, high-performing schools; provide technical assistance to states; and identify Federal policies that are barriers to helping states make schools green and high-performing. The Council will consult with the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Commerce Secretary, Energy Secretary, Health and Human Services Secretary, Labor Secretary, EPA Administrator, and the GSA Administrator (by a recorded vote of 270 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 249);

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Roe (TN) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that adds a new section 314 requiring the Education Secretary to enter into an agreement with the Department's Institute of Educational Sciences to evaluate the impact of projects funded under the bill on student academic achievement, including a comparison of students attending public schools receiving funding under the bill with students attending public schools that are not receiving such funding (by a recorded vote of 432 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 250); and

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Ellsworth amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that amends section 309 (green schools) to provide that nothing in the bill shall be construed to prohibit a local educational agency from using sustainable, domestic hardwood lumber for public school modernization, renovation, repairs, or construction. Amends section 310 (reporting) to require agencies receiving grant funds under the bill to disclose whether any flooring installed was from renewable sources (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 251).

Pages H5513, H5523–24

Proceedings Postponed:

Giffords amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that seeks to specify that local educational agencies receiving funds under the act may encourage schools receiving funds for projects to educate students about those projects, including how they function, and their environmental, energy, sustainability, and other benefits;

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Bright amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that seeks to require the Secretary to reserve 5 percent of section 102 grant funds for grants to local educational agencies serving geographic areas with significant economic distress or recovering from a natural disaster; and

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Griffith amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that seeks to include reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses in children among the voluntary guidelines for high performing school buildings. It also will add reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses to the list of demonstrable and expected benefits. The amendment includes the reduction and elimination of human exposure to airborne particles such as dust, sand, and pollens among the approved uses for grant funds used by local educational agencies.

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H. Res. 427, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 246, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H5492–98

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Providing for passage of the bill (H.R. 2101) to promote reform and independence in the oversight of weapons system acquisition by the Department of Defense: H. Res. 432, to provide for passage of the bill (H.R. 2101) to promote reform and independence in the oversight of weapons system acquisition by the Department of Defense, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 252.

Pages H5524–30, H5538–39

The Chair announced that pursuant to H. Res. 432, H.R. 2101, as amended by the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill, is considered as passed; S. 454, as amended by the text of H.R. 2101 as passed by the House, is considered as passed; and the House is considered to have insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the Senate thereon. H.R. 2101 was laid upon the table without objection.

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The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Taylor, Abercrombie, Reyes, Snyder, Smith (WA), Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Tauscher, Brady (PA), Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Cooper, Ellsworth, Sestak, McHugh, Bartlett, McKeon, Thornberry, Jones, Akin, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), Conaway, Hunter, and Coffman (CO).

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Agreed to authorize conferees to close meetings of the conference when sensitive national security information may be broached by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 254.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Recognizing Armed Forces Day and the exemplary service of the members of the United States Armed Forces: H. Res. 377, to recognize Armed